IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : LINNARTZ

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the above-identified application as

follows: